

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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In City and County

## Storer Wins Cable T.V. Franchise

by Bill Rowland

Residents of Greenbelt will have cable television, provided by Storer Communications of Maryland, available within one year. The city, by unanimous vote of the city council during its regular meeting on November 16, thus became the sixteenth community in Prince Georges County to arrive at an independent franchise agreement with the Storer firm.

The county council voted the next day to give Storer the franchise for the northern part of Prince Georges County, but that action is open to possible veto by County Executive Lawrence J. Hogan. The outcome of the county's award will not affect the installation of cable television by Storer in Greenbelt.

In selecting Storer, the city council rejected the bid made to the city by Metrovision of Prince Georges County, Inc. Metrovision was favored over Storer for the northern county franchise both by the county's Cable Television Commission and by an independent consulting firm retained by the county. The council members and City Manager James Giese appeared to regard the two bids as extremely close in overall merit. As City Manager James Giese expressed it during a work session the preceding week, "I think an argument could be built for going either way."

It appears that the critical fac-

tor going for Storer, in the eyes of the city councilmen, was its established presence in the county. Whereas Metrovision, with no previous franchises in Prince Georges, would have to start from scratch, Storer already has a local staff, studios established, some cables in place and about 4,000 county subscribers "on line." A second minus for Metrovision was the fact that the Atlanta-based firm conditioned its bid to the city on its receipt of the northern county franchise. If the county council award to Storer stands, then a city decision to select Metrovision would have been nullified, and Greenbelt would have ended up with Storer as a "second choice."

Although the members of the city council chose Storer by a unanimous vote, that decision was preceded by a sharp split over its timing. City Manager Giese had recommended that the council delay its selection until after award of the northern county franchise. But Councilman Richard Pilski argued strongly during several meetings that the city council should make its own independent decision on the two bids before it. Pilski contended that the city's choice should not be dependent on the County Council's decision but should be made in the context of what is best for Greenbelt. Pilski was joined in this position by Councilman Thomas White. Mayor Richard Castaldi provided the third vote needed to bring a final franchise choice on Tuesday night.

Although the city council decision is considered final, the action by council was technically a preliminary award subject to preparation and approval of a franchise agreement. The term of the franchise will be 15 years, with the city to receive from Storer a percentage of gross revenues as a franchise fee. The firm is committed to providing cable service to Greenbelt residents within 12 months.

As is true of telephone service, subscription to the cable television service will be optional for individual residents. For those who want the service, a cable will be run into the subscriber's residence and connected to the television set (or sets). The subscriber will pay Storer a monthly subscription fee based on the level of service desired. Storer officials expect that most subscribers will choose a level costing \$6.95 a month, plus an additional \$6.95 for Home Box Office and "The Movie Channel."

### What Goes On

Thurs., Nov. 19, 8:15 p.m. GHI Board Meeting - follows GDC Meeting. Hamilton Pl.

Mon., Nov. 23, 8 p.m. City Council Work Session, Golden Triangle

Thurs., Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service. Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road

## GHI Board Delays Budget Approval Till Tonight; Supports Smith for NCCB

by Mary Lou Williamson

Discussion of two topics — one dominated by members, the other concerning a member — took most of the evening at the November 12 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors. In each case the decision was tabled for a week.

"I have sent a copy of the budget to the White House Conference on Aging," Eunice Coxon led off the discussion on the Budget. "I am fighting for protection for co-op members. It's outrageous what's going on here. We expected an austerity budget." Coxon opposes the trim paint program, the "make-work 4-year (deferred) maintenance program," paying off old deficits and "empire building in the staff architect's office." She told the board not to spend \$1000 on a board/management retreat next June. "Have a nice picnic at Greenbelt

Lake," she suggested.

Charles Hagelgans said he was expecting lower heat and maintenance charges as a result of rehab. He suggested members do their own trim painting.

Joe Comproni objected to "overcharging" some members for garage rental "to help decrease monthly charges. It's a rip-off," he said. He wanted the \$150,000 collected in 1979 for repayment of rehab to be returned

to the members, and a reduction in heating staff. Comproni could see "no justification in the build-up of the staff architect's office" or for "pulling out heating systems in January."

Jim Smith again reviewed the list of deferred maintenance that he had presented at the last two budget meetings. "We didn't borrow money to do that work," he reminded members, "we're going to have to do it ourselves." He commended the manager for his plan to use current employees to take care of some of the problems that aren't in rehab. In response to Comproni, Smith said, "If we don't start (decommissioning heating plants) in January, we'll have to put oil cost in for December."

Comproni insisted his concern was reducing the heating staff. "The implication here is that staff will not be reduced, and we don't need so many heating jobs, we can free up a lot of that man-

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## Single-Family Zoning Upheld On Parcel 3, 4 in North End

by Charles F. Schwan, Jr.

A three-year-long process to rezone parcels 3 and 4 on the city's north boundary was brought to an end this week when the property owners failed to appeal a Circuit Court decision upholding R-80 single-family zoning. In Greenbelt a collective sigh of relief was almost audible.

Parcels 3 and 4 lie on either side of Research Road abutting the North End School, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. residences and the Agricultural Research Center. Parcel 3, on the east side of the road, consists of 2.9 acres. To the west of the road is the 7.4-acre parcel 4. Both pieces of land had been zoned rural residential, R-R. The Greenbelt-College Park area Master Plan proposed R-80 zoning for parcel 3 and R-T for parcel 4.

In December 1978, however, a zoning map amendment to the townhouse zone was filed by the owners, Burton J. Reiner, Theodore N. Lerner and H. Max Ammerman, Trustees. The community response was immediate. Opposition to development except in a single family home configuration was widespread. Representatives of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Citizens for Greenbelt, the Lakeside Civic Association, and the City of Greenbelt registered against the request, as did more than 1,000 citizen petitioners.

In January 1980, the Technical Staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommended denial of the R-T zone with the further recommendation that both parcels be rezoned R-80. In March 1980, the Prince Georges County Planning Board adopted the staff recommendation as its own to forward to the District Council (the County Council when it meets as the zoning body).

In April 1980, the Zoning Hearing Examiner held a hearing on the rezoning application. In July he filed his conclusions and recommendations that the properties remain in the R-R zone, rural residential.

In October 1980, the District Council heard arguments for and against the proposed zoning change. Options apparently open to the District Council ranged from accepting the recommendations of the Zoning Hearing Examiner not to rezone, to accepting the Planning Board recommendation of R-80 (subsequently endorsed by the Greenbelt City Council) to granting the requested zoning change. Eight of 11 votes would be necessary to approve the last over the official opposition of the city.

In a surprise development, the District Council passed a motion to ask the owners, the city and other parties of record to accept R-55 zoning for both parcels. Basically R-55 is a single family zone which permits somewhat more dense development than R-80. (See box.) Not surprisingly, the city rejected the suggestion. The City Council took the position that the parcels should remain in the R-R zone or possibly be rezoned R-80. Finally, the District Council voted December 1, 1980 to rezone both properties R-80 in line with the city's recommendation. The following month, the owners of the land filed an appeal to the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County.

In an appeal from an action of the District Council the burden of proof is on the appellant. He must show either that there was a mistake in the original zoning or that there had taken place since such zoning sufficient

change in the character of the neighborhood to warrant the requested change in zoning.

Briefly stated, the court found on September 14 that there had been sufficient change in the character of the neighborhood to justify a change in zoning from R-R to R-80, as the District Council had done, but not to R-T as the appellants sought. The court relied heavily on evidence submitted to the Zoning Hearing Examiner on rezoning actions in the 339-acre neighborhood (west of Eastway Road, north of Crescent Road, east of Kenilworth Avenue and south of the Agricultural Research Center). Rezoning has been to single family housing, 314 acres (Woodland Hills, Boxwood Village, Lakewood); R-30 garden apartments, 20 acres (Lakeside North); and 5 acres R-T (GHI townhouses at 65 Ridge and 5 Laurel). Land on both sides of Ridge Road between Lastner Lane and GHI also is being developed in single family homes.

Now, after three years of seemingly interminable procedures, the collective sigh of relief was in order.

R-T — Single family attached townhouse, up to 12 units per acre.

R-55 — One family detached, 4.6 average units per acre.

R-80 — One family detached, 3.4 average units per acre.

R-R — Rural residential, 1.85 average units per acre.

### Thanksgiving Service

The 31st Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service sponsored by five religious organizations in Greenbelt will be held at the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, on Thursday, November 26, at 10:30 a.m. Sponsors are Baha'i Faith, Greenbelt Community Church, Mishkan Torah, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and St. Hugh's Catholic Church. There will be a free will offering for the needy of Prince Georges County. The community is invited.

### Roosevelt Car Wash

#### To Benefit Freshmen

There will be a car wash at the E. Roosevelt High School parking lot Monday, November 23, starting at 4:15 p.m. Monies earned during the car wash will benefit Roosevelt Freshman Class.

### Holiday

#### Refuse Schedule

There will be no refuse collection made on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 1981. However, all other refuse collection that week will be on regular schedule. **THERE WILL BE A PAPER PICK UP on Wednesday, November 25, 1981.**



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## Carnie Harper

Carnie Harper died last Sunday, Nov. 15, of cancer at Washington Hospital Center. She was 80 years old. She and her husband had been one of the first families to settle in Greenbelt, living on Eastway for many years. She was one of the early members of Greenbelt Consumer Services and served on the GCS board for many years. She supported the formation of Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation in 1952, which evolved a few years later into Greenbelt Homes Inc., the present GHI. She was also active in Grange activities, having become interested in agriculture and farm problems when she was growing up on a ranch in Montana before World War I, when the West was still spectacular and life there could be a bit hard.

So much is on the record, but a bare recital of these things leaves much about Carnie Harper unsaid. First and possibly foremost, she had a rare dedication to community service. She believed that co-operatives were important, and that through cooperation — and only through cooperation and a sense of service to others — could any society properly function. Shortly before her first stay in the hospital last summer she sent a memorandum to GHI, to remind members of the Board and Audit Committee that they should not forget the meaning of "cooperative," and to remember that this was the tradition in which GHI had been founded.

Second, she had a lively interest in everything. For many years she was a member of Greenbelt Women's Discussion Group, begun at the Community Church in the 1940's and still meeting to read books together and discuss their ideas. Regardless of whether the group was reading Loren Eiseley, Carl Sagan, Gail Sheehy or whatever, Carnie was interested and eager in her speculations.

Third, she was a singularly pleasant person to know, and this is no slight thing.

Carnie worked for many years for the Bureau of Census until her retirement. She became ill and entered the hospital for the first time in July but until that time she was involved in a county program in which she visited elderly persons who were confined to their homes.

Her husband died many years ago, as did her son. She is survived by several nieces, a nephew, a grandson, and many friends.

The memorial service will be held at the Community Church on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

—Katherine Keene

### Dinner & Animal Crackers

The Mishkan Torah Men's Club will present a Dinner Theatre performance of "Animal Crackers in My Borscht," a comedy, on Saturday, November 21 at 7 p.m. For reservations call 345-1715.

## Annual Charity Bazaar At St. Hugh's Church

The Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's Parish will hold their Annual Charity Bazaar on Saturday, November 21, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sunday, November 22, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The bazaar will be held in Grenoble Hall, 135 Crescent Road. Hand-crafted gift items, homemade baked goods, flower arrangements and plants will be featured. There will also be a table for children only as well as raffles of an afghan, Irish knit sweater (hand-made to order for a man, woman, or child), and two baskets of cheer. Lunch will be available on Saturday, and a continental breakfast on Sunday. Proceeds will be used to help the sick, elderly, and needy of the community.

## P. G. Schools Give Plans For Emergency Closings

With the approach of the winter season the Prince Georges County Public Schools remind parents and students that emergency procedures should schools be closed or opened late will be broadcast on local radio or television news programs or bulletins. Usually, the stations broadcast emergency news immediately after receiving the information from the school system.

Parents and students are also asked not to call their schools or the system's business offices with questions about emergency situations.

Five stations have agreed to broadcast complete information: WINX (1600 AM); WPGC (1580 AM and 95.5 FM); WMAL (630 AM); WASH (97.1 FM), and WFMD (930 AM); WFRE (100.0 FM). Other stations may carry abbreviated messages.

Emergency situations that affect school operations usually have one or more of the following results: schools do not open at all, they open late or they close early. If they do not open, then evening classes are also cancelled. If they close early, then afternoon kindergarten as well as evening classes are also cancelled. If the morning opening time is delayed, then the buses operate on a schedule that is exactly one or two hours later than usual, depending on the emergency situation at that time, and all other programs remain on schedule for the remainder of the day.

## Greenbelt CARES

CARES Director Carol Leventhal attended the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy annual convention in Toronto, Canada last week.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Ave., College Park, will offer a community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 26. The social hour will start at 12 noon; dinner will be at 1 p.m. Reservations should be made by noon, November 20, by mail or phone (864-8880, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays). There is a fee for the dinner.

## Mishkan Torah News

Harriet Steinhorn, survivor of the Holocaust, will speak about her experiences at the Mishkan Torah services, Ridge and Westway, on Friday, November 20 at 8 p.m. A question and answer period will follow her talk.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

A Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Medical Nursing Center (Greenbelt Convalescent Home) in Greenbelt. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and select gifts for the holidays.

## NEW DENTIST IN TOWN

Marvin B. Apter, D.D.S., has announced the relocation of his office from the Goddard Space Village Apartments to the new Maryland Trade Center. This is adjacent to the Greenway Shopping Center.

## Community Thanksgiving Service Thursday, November 26, 10:30 A.M. Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Road

(enter from Parking Lot)

The free-will offering will be used for the  
needy of Prince Georges County

### Sponsors:

Baha'i Faith  
 Greenbelt Community Church  
 Mishkan Torah  
 Mowatt Memorial United Methodist  
 St. Hugh's Catholic

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building. Annual elections are on the agenda, nominations may be made from the floor.

## Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

(Ages Nursery - Adult)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor  
474-1924

## Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770  
 474-4090/345-2918

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 First and third Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 Second and fourth Sundays  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector  
422-8057

## Paint Branch

## Unitarian Church

Powder Mill Rd. near  
Cherry Hill

9:30 a.m.: Forum, James Dunn  
 "The Moral Majority"

11 a.m. Service: "Hidden Roots  
 of Hunger: Expanding  
 Awareness"

## Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)  
 Hillside and Crescent Roads  
 Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at  
2B Hillside

Rev. Sherry Taylor and  
 Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

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SUMMER

Whatever the season  
 Whatever the temperature

FALL  
WINTER

You are invited to worship with us

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Crescent & Greenhill Rds.

Bible Study for all ages (Sun.)

9:45 a.m.

Worship Service

11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

8:00 p.m.

For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Plants

Baked Goods

## ST. HUGH'S LADIES OF CHARITY BAZAAR

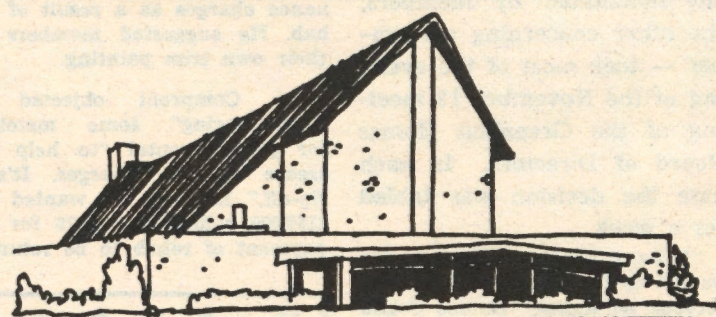
Grenoble Hall  
 135 Crescent Road

Saturday, November 21 (10 a.m.-4p.m.)  
 Sunday, November 22 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Everyone Welcome

Handcrafted Items

Raffles



## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road  
 Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



# Letters to the Editor

## Successful Halloween Party

### To the Editor:

Greenbelt Post and Unit #136, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary wish to express their thanks to the *News Review* for publicizing our second annual Halloween Party, which was held on Friday, October 30, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in our Post Home. Highlights of our evening included a costume parade. First place winners, Ronnie Johnson and Michael Mehringer, each received a \$50 Savings Bond, cartoons, an apple bob, cupcakes, ice cream, and Cokes.

Our official judges were John Evans, Sam Holberg and Ardie Hargraves; and Senior Miss Poppy, Tina Fisher led the costume parade.

We had a most successful party and are glad to have helped in "making Halloween a safe and fun night" in Greenbelt.

Don Huffman and  
Sandi Willoughby  
Post and Unit Children and Youth  
Chairman

## Remembering Veterans

### To the Editor:

The excellent program and the good turnout of Greenbelt residents and school children was very heartening at the Veterans Day Service at the Center. The Duval High School Band provided an appropriate musical background for recalling the services of living and deceased veterans in establishing and in safeguarding our freedoms.

Stephen Polaschik

## Questions?

### To the Editor:

Yes, I do ask questions about the GHI budget, especially as it pertains to the rehabilitation program. But I object to finding questions attributed to me that I did not ask. For example, the November 12 *News Review* report of the GHI budget informational meeting held in the City offices November 5 attributes the following to me: why dig up pipes; why decommission boilers; why fill up tanks with sand? It is well known that these or similar steps are necessary in the conversion from oil to electric heat. I can not see any basis whatever for attributing the above questions to me. Can it be that chairman Smith is overeager to dip up pipes?

It is my hope that in decommissioning the boilers and furnaces GHI may be able to realize a return, either in their sale for scrap or further use elsewhere.

My series of questions was generated by the budget comment "as heating is phased out it will free up staff so we can begin priority programs in other areas..." Deferred but unexplained maintenance goals are mentioned but are not further discussed. Quite frankly, some of us in GHI are looking for relief in the monthly charges that we pay to GHI after we are relieved of paying for oil and must shoulder the burden of providing our own electric heat.

Vague goals do not fill the bill.

Joe Comproni

## Layers of Inspection

### To the Editor:

Since there had been some disagreement between GHI and Beltway Aluminum on the quality of the work being done in putting the siding on the frame houses,

last Tuesday (Nov. 10) Betty Denson and I found ourselves accompanying a group of people inspecting the work. We listened to an extended discussion of the problems, accompanied the group to look at several buildings, and listened to further discussion after the on-site inspections.

Who were these people? They were the building inspector from HUD; the head of the Inspection and Licensing Office, the on-site inspector, and the acting community development administrator for operations from the County; the president and chairman of the board of Beltway Aluminum; and from GHI and GHIDC the chief inspector for rehabilitation, the general manager, the assistant general manager for GHIDC, the staff architect, and the project superintendent.

We added up to a fairly large group. As I remembered how helpless I felt on an occasion when I was dealing with a contractor, I realized how well GHI and our rehabilitation are being served. If members were having their houses sided individually, they would never have the opportunity to have the inspector from HUD to argue with the contractor!

The meeting lasted all morning. They agreed that the criticisms of the work by the GHI inspectors were legitimate. But the main point is that we are getting many layers of inspection, and GHI members should feel confident they are being well cared for.

The last words came from GHI's manager, Tim Mitter, who said, "We can't have any buckling at all. Every house should be treated as if it were one's own, not just a little part of a big job. GHI expects not to pay for anything less."

Katherine Keene

## Open Letter

### To the Editor:

This is addressed to the kids who threw two rocks through my living room window Wednesday night. I want you to know you were very successful in your adventure. You broke two windows and shattered glass flew all over my living room, embedding itself in my rug, chairs, and tables. By the grace of God, neither one of my children was sitting in the easy chair by the window. But the glass missed my 3½ year old son by just a few inches. Would it have satisfied you more if he had been blinded, or critically cut? How would you feel if this had happened to your home, or to a member of your family?

Please, think of the consequences of a stupid stunt like this before you ever throw another rock through a window. And if you read this and say, "I don't care," I hope someone in your family will realize somewhere along the line, you are in need of a psychiatrist's help. I will pray for you; you very obviously need that desperately.

Sad for the Community

P.S. Parents, where are your kids after dark?

## "Grandmother Test"

### To the Editor:

In the November 12 *News Review*, Eunice Coxon is reported to have charged that the financial papers handed out at the GHI budget hearing on November 5 would not pass the "grandmother test," which test she said Price

Waterhouse had put out. Her description of the grandmother test was sexist and insulting to the elderly. A grandmother, all other things being equal, is quite as competent mentally as a grandfather or a grandson or a granddaughter. As a matter of fact, even though I am a grand aunt and a great-grand aunt, I had no trouble using the data given out at that hearing in making a pretty close estimate of my 1982 monthly charges.

Mrs. Coxon says further that members are desperate for Board and Management to communicate with them. I came to GHI in 1963 and was immediately impressed with the amount of communication I received — a GHI Newsletter every couple of months, reports of GHI activities in the *News Review* and copies of proposed budgets and actions before every membership meeting. This has not lessened over the years, but rather a Rehab Bulletin at intervals and an occasional GHI column in the *News Review* have been added. All of these have been written so that I could fully comprehend them.

I cannot believe that Mrs. Coxon is saying that she herself can't understand these communications because she appears from her letters in the *News Review* to have a good command of the English language. However, it would be impossible to write about something as complicated as the GHI budget so that the average third or fourth grader could understand it. It has to be presumed that readers have an average command of basic arithmetic and the English language. Any grandmother, grandfather, grandson or granddaughter who has such should be able to understand GHI publicity.

Janet M. James

## Roosevelt Orchestra Sells Citrus Fruit

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Symphony Orchestra is now selling citrus fruit to benefit their 1982 Vienna trip. The orchestra has been invited by the Cultural Exchange of the City of Vienna, Austria to participate in the Festival of Youth and Music in July, 1982. Pink grapefruit, 4/5 bushel or approximately 40 lbs. and navel oranges also 4/5 bushel will be sold. Delivery will be Dec. 7 or 8. To order call 345-7500 Ex. 283 or 431-0188. Orders must be in no later than 4 p.m. Nov. 30.

## Last Public Hearing On Redistricting

The County Council will hold its last public hearing on redistricting next Wed., Nov. 25, at 9 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. The Wynn-Smith plan (similar to school board districts) which does not pair Greenbelt with Bowie, will be considered by the public.

Immediately following the hearing, the County Council is expected to make its final decision on redistricting.

Greenbelters wishing to speak at the hearing should call Ms. Jean Schmul at 952-3600 to register.

To carpool, call 345-2327, or be at the city parking lot near Suburban Trust at 8 a.m.

## OPEN LETTER TO GHI MEMBERS

### ABOUT PRIOR APPROVAL

### OF ADDITIONS

### Dear Member:

Many members, feeling that siding or heat conversion is just around the corner, are making plans to add that long thought-of addition or decorative structure. But, we must remind you that it has always been the policy of this Corporation that any planned modifications to the structure of our particular units must be submitted in writing for written approval from the Staff Architect's Office. In most cases approval, in the form of a building permit, must also be given by the Prince George's County Licenses and Permits Department. These approvals must be obtained in writing **BEFORE ANY WORK IS STARTED** to avoid future problems. Rehab contracts are let on the basis of existing conditions, therefore any unauthorized changes may significantly increase the cost of these contracts. If incurred, any cost of this nature will be passed on to the member(s) responsible.

If you have any questions on these procedures, please call the Staff Architect's Office at 474-0720 for information. Plans and working drawings for the standard frame home service-side additions are available through the Staff Architect's Office or from our receptionist.

Management has been instructed by the Board to make sure all modifications to the original structures conform to both the Prince George's County Building Code and to GHI Rules, Regulations and Policies.

James W. Smith  
President

GHI Board of Directors

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## GREENBELT JAYCEETTES

The recently organized Greenbelt Jayceettes will hold a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. There will be a discussion about Juvenile Diabetes Month (November) in which the Jayceettes are currently involved.

Those interested in learning more about the Greenbelt Jayceettes are welcome to attend this meeting. For more information call 441-1010 or 474-5276.

## Greenbelter in Fiddler

Leonard Cohen of Greenbelt is appearing in "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Toby Dinner Theatre in Columbia. He plays Mordechai, the innkeeper. The play will run until mid-February. For information and reservations call 596-6161.

## The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center brings you a month of music in November



Friday, November 20 8:15 p.m.

"We're Singing Your Song"

Judy, Doc and Andy sing and play popular and Broadway favorites.



Saturday, November 21, 8:15 pm

An Evening with Joan McFarland

A Classical Vocalist, Ms McFarland brings her magical voice to the Utopia for the first time.



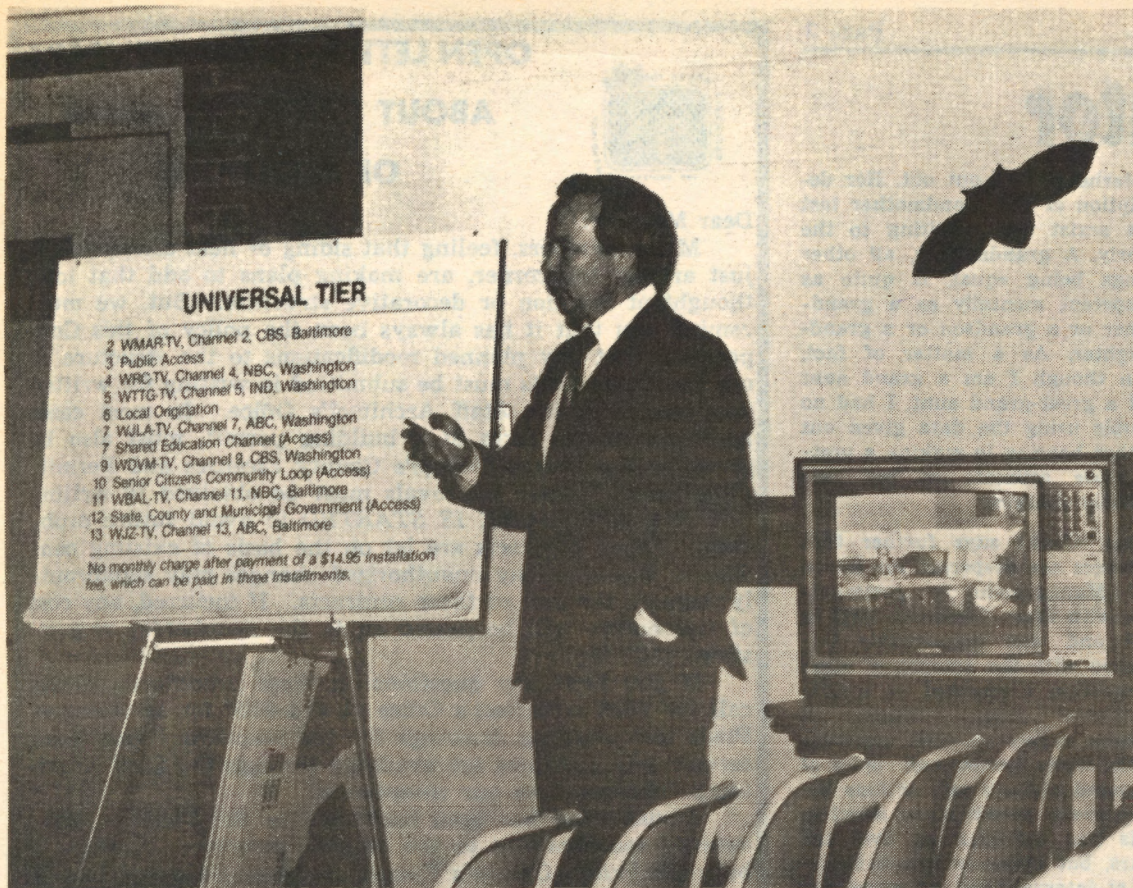
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 8:15 p.m.

MELLOW JAZZ & POP

Ward Harris - double bass, Mark Prebilic - piano, Jane Brady - voice

(John Haugh due to extreme illness is unable to perform)





Winfield Kelly, vice president of Storer Communications is shown addressing members of the Greenbelt City Council at the October 28 public hearing.

## Recreation Review

### Post Season Football Action

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is offering post season tournament competition over the Thanksgiving holiday. Turkey Bowls are scheduled on Braden Field for the 5th Annual Men's Touch Tournament and on the Greenbelt Middle School Field, the 3rd Annual Women's Flag Tournament. Beginning Saturday, November 21, the games will be played over the weekend with championship games on Thanksgiving morning.

Teams participating in this year's tournaments are in the Men's: F.C.S. Communications, Oxon Hill Glass, Clevenger's, Coakley & Williams, Carleys, Three Brothers, F.O.P. No. 89 and Enterprise Carpets. In the Women's Division, Walden Books, Sportsmen's Pub, Costabile Associates, Inc., Barrett's Bombers, Charm City Raiders and Free State Cycle.

### Men's "A" Basketball League

The Department is now taking registrations for the 1982 basketball league. Competition will be held in the Youth Center Gymnasium on Sunday evenings beginning January 3. Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. Friday, December 11. A franchise fee is charged for each team. For further information, call the Youth Center, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 474-6878.

### Tenth Annual Craft Show and Sale

Buy handcrafted items, reasonably priced, for the winter holiday gift giving season at the Greenbelt Craft Show and Sale. This Tenth Annual Show and Sale will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday, December 4, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For little folks, the Children's Room will be open at the same times. Aside from being able to purchase inexpensive handmade gift items for their family and friends, on Saturday, the children will be given the opportunity to participate in making crafts.

### Area Gyms Open

Several area schools offer open gym hours to the public. The Greenbelt schools, hours and when they begin are: Greenbelt Middle School, Sundays, 1-5 p.m., and Roosevelt Senior High School (beginning December 5), Sundays,

6-10 p.m.

### Volleyball-Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Mon. evenings with recreational play on Weds evenings. Both are from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome.

### Roller Skating

The wheels are turning at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School Gym. Come roller skate from 4-6 p.m. A nominal fee is charged at the door for skate rental. Anyone having rink skates, may bring them. Days are as follows: Weds. for kindergarten thru 3rd graders and Fri. for the 4th through 6th graders.

### Recreation Centers Phone Numbers

The department's business office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. For your convenience, from 5 p.m. until the next business day, recorded information is available regarding activities, classes or if you wish to leave a message, dial 474-6878. Other numbers are as follows: Greenbelt Youth Center 474-4980; Springhill Lake Recreation Center 345-2770; Springhill Lake Club House 474-9797.

### Junior Legion Auxiliary Attends State Conference

The Department Junior Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland, was held on October 18, at Laurel Post No. 60. The guest speaker was a representative from the John F. Kennedy Institute for Handicapped Children.

For their project this year the Junior Groups will purchase equipment for the evaluation of children's hearing and an amplifier which permits learning the brain's response to sound without requiring response from the child.

Approximately 200 Maryland Juniors (Auxiliary members under 18 years of age) with their senior Junior Activities Chairmen, parents and other interested members were present.

Attending from Greenbelt Unit No. 136 were: Tina Fisher, Karen Bailey, Adela Avitia, Cindy Beeg, Maureen Fisher, Shirley Fisher, Linda Newsome, Rusty Beeg,

## Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

"C'mon in, the door's open," Uncle Homer called out when I knocked. He was sitting at his desk punching away at his pocket calculator.

"Balancing your checkbook?" I asked.

"Nothing much there to balance," he said mournfully. "What I'm doing is working out some figures on the national debt."

I shivered. "One trillion dollars! I can't imagine that kind of money."

"Precisely why I am doing this figuring," he said. "Did you know that if you spent one million dollars a day it would take you 2,739 and three quarter years to spend a trillion dollars?"

"I don't think I could spend a million a day," I told him regretfully. "But I'd sure like to try."

"Once you got the hang of it, you'd probably want more, if I know you," he said.

"Well for the first couple of weeks I could pay for the GHI rehab." I suggested "And maybe still have enough left over for a new dress."

"You'd need more than one new dress" he answered. "Don't forget a trillionaire couldn't go around looking shabby."

"So I'm overdrawn already, right?" I asked.

"Wrong," he said. "Don't forget that you can invest the rest of the money at 15% interest, which would bring you an extra 150 billion a year."

"I can't take it," I wailed. "I want to be poor again."

"You are poor," he reminded me. "We're talking about the national debt."

"Oh, yeah," I remembered. "I guess I got carried away. But who does the government owe all this money to?"

"To everybody, including you," he said.

"No wonder I'm so poor," I told him.

"Even to banks," Uncle Homer said.

"The government owes money to banks?" I asked. "Does it need a co-signer to take out a loan?"

"That's ridiculous," he said. "You don't know the first thing about economics, do you?"

"Well, at least I'm not a trillion dollars in debt," I answered.

"Don't slam the door on your way out," he warned, and bent over his calculator again.

Sandi Willoughby, and Cindy Montgomery.

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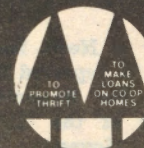
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## Police Blotter

compiled by Mavis Fletcher

Armed robbery of a citizen occurred on November 15 at about 5:45 p.m. in the 7100 block of Mandan Rd. The suspect is a black male adult in his early 20's, 160 lbs., slim build. He was armed with a double-barreled, sawed-off shotgun.

On November 13, Det. Terrence M. McGrath charged an adult and three juveniles with a breaking and entering which had occurred on October 19. Three of those charged are residents of Springhill Lake. Much of the property was recovered.

A woman returning to her apartment on Springhill Lane on November 12 reported that her purse was grabbed. The suspect then fled.

A 1980 Datsun Kingcab truck, Md. registration L90826, was stolen from Beltway Plaza shopping center the night of November 10. The truck is blue with a white camper top.

An incident of indecent exposure occurred on November 14 at about 4 p.m. in the parking lot at Greenway.

A forced entry was made to a home on Hedgewood Drive by way of the rear door on November 12 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Pfc. Charles V. Watkins arrested two male juveniles for assaulting a crossing guard with a BB gun.

Cpl. Edward D. Blake charged non-resident adults with theft over \$500 in a shoplifting case at Off The Rax in Greenway.

Pfc. Dannel P. O'Neil and Officer Gregory E. Lynn made an arrest for possession of narcotics. The incident took place on the parking lot at Greenway shopping center.

An attempted entry via a window was made to an apartment on Lakeside Drive.

Pfc. Mark A. DiPietro charged a male non-resident with shoplifting clothing at Marshall's in Beltway Plaza.

Officer Gregory E. Lynn recovered a 1979 Oldsmobile which had been reported stolen in Ohio.

## P. G. Symphony Concert Saturday at Roosevelt

The Prince Georges Symphony opens its 1981-82 concert season on Saturday, November 21 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. with an evening of Brahms, Mozart and Bach.

Frederick Morden, music director, will conduct the Symphony and the young soloist winners of the Greater Laurel Music Teachers Association's Mozart and Bach Piano Concerto Competition.

The public is also invited to enjoy a pre-Concert social hour, for which there is a fee.

The Prince Georges Symphonic Association, which supports the Prince Georges Symphony as a non-profit and tax-deductible organization, received grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland National-Capital Park and Planning Commission, Arts Division and the Prince Georges County Government, but depends mostly on contributions from businesses, corporations, individuals and ticket sales.

For information and tickets call Stella Ishee at 345-8763.

## Rosewood Chamber Consort Has Brilliant Performance

by Jean P. Turkiewicz

The Rosewood Chamber Consort gave a brilliant performance at the Utopia Theater Friday evening, November 13. The consort, in existence about one and a half years, includes pianist Erik Hillman, flutist Mary Beth Kiss, and oboist Becky Staup. The program featured trios for flute, oboe and piano by twentieth century French composer Jean Michel Damase and contemporary English composer Eugene Goossens, as well as a baroque double concerto for flute and oboe by Cimarosa. It also spotlighted a piano solo, Petrouchka - La Semaine Grasse by Igor Stravinsky.

The program opened with the modern, jazzy sounding Molto Moderato first movement of the Damase trio. It continued in a light-hearted mood with masterful displays of technique and ensemble through Allegro Con Spirito and Allegro Scherzando, the second and third movements respectively. The Damase trio ended with a romantic Moderato fourth movement.

This was followed by Eric Hillman's powerful, dramatic solo piano performance of Stravinsky's Petrouchka - La Semaine Grasse. Hillman's clean pedal technique brought out the vigorous, dance quality of the music.

After intermission, the program continued with Pastorale and Arlequinade, a trio by Goossens. The Pastorale had lyric imitation of each other for all three instruments, and the Arlequinade was musically satisfying.

The program concluded with the Cimarosa Concerto in G Major, a double concerto for flute and oboe. The precision ensemble of flute and oboe duet passages, the richness of the tune produced by Kiss, the singing, effortless quality of the oboe as played by Staup, coupled with the sensitive accompaniment by Hillman, gave the concert a deeply satisfying quality.

The Rosewood Chamber Consort is a fine group of musicians with excellent ensemble and rapport with the music and each other. This reviewer would like to hear romantic composers represented on future programs, with a little more attention to the nuance and subtlety which are possible with true piano and pianissimo dynamic levels.

## Roosevelt Orchestra Holds Flea Market

A flea market will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School cafeteria. Sale items will include crafts, decorations and Christmas items. The public is invited.

This sale will benefit the Roosevelt orchestra and their trip to Vienna, Austria, in the summer of 1982. To reserve tables call: mornings, 441-9071 or evenings, 262-2917.

## CITY NOTES

The general crew worked on the new pathway on Hillside Road and Laurel Hill Road.

The parks crew placed grass seed behind the new curb on Research Road. The Center Mall was cleaned for Veterans Day and new landscape ties were placed around the trees. Ballfield maintenance was done on Braden Field. The leaf vacuum and chipper were out several days, including Saturday.

The special trash crew is running 2-3 days behind schedule because of the large number of requests. The crew worked last Saturday.

## Greenbelt Receives Two "Litter Control" Awards

The first annual awards ceremony of the Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County (CCCC) was held on October 29 in the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. The City of Greenbelt received two awards for its efforts to control litter within Prince Georges County. The Recreation Department was one of the top ten winners. The project consisted of a joint effort with students from the Margaret Brent Special Center on Princess Garden Parkway to maintain the grounds around the Youth Center and general building maintenance. The Public Works Department received an honorable mention award for the city's recycling program and its effect on litter control. Mayor Richard Castaldi and Public Works Director George Smith attended the ceremony.

CCCC will be receiving a first place award in the region/county category from the Keep America Beautiful program at a luncheon to be held in Washington, D.C. on

## Holiday Party Planning To Be Taught in City

Holiday Party Planning, a one-day class, will be held at the University Square Apartments on Wednesday, December 2 from 7-10 p.m. There is a fee. For more information contact the Prince Georges Community College's Community Services Office at 322-0785.

## P. G. PHILHARMONIC FEATURES VIOLINIST

Washington violinist Jody Gatwood will appear with the Prince Georges Philharmonic for an evening of music on Saturday, November 21 at 8 p.m. at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville.

Featured will be Mozart's Overture to La Clemenza di Tito and his Violin Concert No. 5 in A Major, as well as Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D Major. Tickets will be available at the door. There is a reduced fee for senior citizens and students. Call 779-7360 or 699-2540 for further information.

December 10.

## Help with Heating Offered by State

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program began accepting applications for assistance this week. This important benefit program was created by Congress with the specific intention of assisting eligible households to meet the rising costs of energy needed to provide heat in residential dwellings.

This is a benefit program, not an emergency program. Eligible households do not need to be out of fuel or be behind in their bills. They can get assistance before any crisis develops. Benefits are computed by a complex formula that assures that the highest benefits go to households with the highest heating costs and the lowest incomes and lower benefits go to households with the lowest costs and highest incomes.

The Office of the Maryland Energy Assistance Program wants to provide this benefit to all eligible households in Prince Georges County. They especially want to help the senior citizens, the handicapped, and those who have never before received benefits. Anyone with questions concerning the program, please call the Administrative Office on 699-2662.

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# GHI Budget Receives More Member Scrutiny; Board Looks at Request

(Continued from page one)

power."

Katherine Keene pointed out that the rental for a closed garage comes to 55c per day. "The idea that this is an exorbitant fee is unfounded. I wish you'd tell me where I can park my car for 55c an hour, let alone a day anywhere else," she said. Steve Curtis agreed, "Garages are a bargain." He supported the increase in the architect's office "which provides program planning we can't do without." The cost of the office is trivial compared to the savings good planning can effectuate in rehab, he said.

Nat Shinderman took the board to task for not responding to the critics' charges. "I'm amazed," he said, "you get beat bloody over the head and yet you don't comment." He pointed out that much of the criticism could be answered directly. "This budget does represent a further reduction of maintenance staff. We have dropped from 45 to 22 over the past several years, a reduction of over 50%. If this is not a significant recognition of the results of rehab, I don't know what is. Our total staff two years ago was 70 and now it's 43. We have replaced 1/3 of the sidewalks in GHI. I call this proficient use of our resources."

Smith asked staff to up the charges for larger homes by 2 1/2% as a siding reserve. He then gave the board its choice, to "go ahead and approve the budget or wait a week for some members who still have questions for management. Margaret Hogensen moved for approval of the budget. Don Volk seconded. But then Joe Jenkins' move to table the vote until next week (Nov. 19). Voting to table were Jenkins, Lewis, Gervasi, Donaldson and Curtis.

## Member Request

Bernice and Joe Werner, 9 Laurel Hill, who were forced to vacate their GHI unit for two weeks while their floor was replaced, asked GHI for reimbursement for their expenses. Management agreed to pay all the costs of having the Werner's furniture moved to accommodate the re-flooring work and provided some extra repair work at no charge. However, they stopped short of paying their living expenses for two weeks, \$200 for lodging and \$100 for food. To set a precedent that could be costly in the future, staff said, was the responsibility of the board.

From the Werners' point of view, GHI had broken its commitment to provide safe and decent housing as written in their contract and so should be held responsible. In this case, they claimed, that responsibility meant providing for their living expenses.

Reminding the board that they had set up a fund for claims against rehab for which "blame could not be clearly fixed," board member Joe Jenkins asked the board to provide reimbursement for the Werners' lodging, but not food. Jim Smith pointed out that the question was not whether rehab or GHI or neither was responsible, but "is it appropriate to pay housing costs while a unit is uninhabitable and/or work is being done." He cautioned the board to realize that it's not "the corporation" that would pay, but in this case the 991 frame home

owners who would share in paying.

During the lengthy and often emotionally charged exchange it became apparent that there were differences over the facts in the case. In a split vote, the board tabled action for one week to give management time to investigate and present a recommendation for board action. Voting to table were Don Volk, Steve Curtis, Wayne Williams, John Lewis and Frank Gervasi.

## Co-op Bank

The board took official action on a motion by Joe Jenkins to support its president, James Smith, in his effort to get on the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank. Smith relayed his concern, after reading the resumes, that those candidates who have been selected by the nominating committee are primarily developers rather than members of cooperatives. Smith must have official support from 20 co-operatives with stock in the bank by November 23 in order to have his name placed on the ballot. Smith and the GHI board agreed that it will be important to the corporation to participate in the development of the bank as a stable, well balanced financial institution. GHI is the bank's largest stockholder as it holds the largest loan, over \$13,000,000.

## Board Actions

—There will be no general contractor for Phase II, only subcontractors directly responsible to GHIDC.

—Windows left over from work on frame homes will be installed in the Administration Building.

—A letter will be sent to members warning of potentially serious consequences facing those who put up additions without going through GHI and county building procedures.

—Some minor adjustments were made in the pay schedule for GHI employees.

—The board of directors, senior staff, and all committee chairmen will meet this Saturday at 9 a.m. to noon in a planning session. The goal is to set up a rough time schedule for the next 6-12 months.

## Miscellaneous

—Rayetta Henson thanked board and management for the prompt installation of a light along the gardenside sidewalk between 17 and 19 Court Ridge. Many 19 Court residents, she said, including herself, park in the 17 Court garages and then use the inner walkway to reach 19 Court.

—Eunice Coxon requested staff to redesign the new board and management meeting arrangements for board meetings. "It's not polite to have your backs to us," she pointed out to staff members. "You have so many engineers here maybe you can devise something."

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—Audit Committee member Katherine Keene complimented the staff on a recent packet of information sent to the county. "Very impressive piece of work, very nice," she said.

—John Lewis presented a petition from his court to put additional insulation (thermax) on the exterior of their units before their siding is replaced. The members will do their own work and pay for it.

—Wayne Williams complimented member services coordinator Dennis Lewis for his part in Co-op Month festivities. Lewis played a key role in organizing the "What Co-op Means to Me" contest in the local schools.

—Margaret Hogensen again asked about use of inspection stickers for rehab work in order that individual members will know what work in their homes has been inspected. Gary Morningstar reported that temporary stickers are now being used while permanent printed stickers are being purchased.

—Staff reported the current tank delivery of fuel oil is \$1.25 per gallon on the open market. GHI signed a flat fee contract with Stewart Petroleum to pay \$1.15. That contract continues until September 1, 1982.

—Steve Curtis inquired of staff, "When are we going to bid on Phase II work?" Mitter responded, "two to three weeks. . . . We hope to begin construction by January 1." But that date could slide a month, he acknowledged.

—A letter from Pat Clancy, GHI's attorney, recommended against appealing this year's tax assessment of GHI.

## Clean Air Act Discussion At Sierra Club's Meeting

An update on Clean Air Act legislation by Blake Earley, of the National Clean Air Coalition, will be the focal point of a public meeting of the Sierra Club at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 23, at the Greenbelt Library. Call 568-2365 after 6 p.m. for more information.

## Neil Simon Comedy Plays at Petrucci's

Petrucci's Main Street Dinner Theater in Laurel announces the opening of Neil Simon's comedy hit "Barefoot in the Park." The play, which portrays the hilarious misfortunes of a newly-married couple learning to live together, will run Thursday through Sunday from November 20 through January 31, with two Wednesday matinees scheduled in December. The show is preceded by an Antipasto Bar and International Buffet.

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Ted Kern, IRS Director for Maryland and the District of Columbia, announced that the 1980 Federal Income Tax refunds totaling \$445,992, range in amounts from as low as \$1 to as high as \$5,739. The checks were returned to the IRS as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service.

Anyone who is expecting a 1980 refund and hasn't already contacted IRS should call 962-2590 in Baltimore or 488-3100 in Washington, D.C., Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. The following are names of taxpayers listed as residing in Greenbelt for which there is a 1980 tax refund check which has been returned by the Post Office as "Undeliverable": Michael John Blunt, Thomas Byrne, Ray Clark, Vannie H. Downs, Glen A. and Sharon A. Little, Dawn M. Lockett, Rosemarie J. Locklear, Hdgdoki Oinumd, Paul D. Penwell, Sandra Elizabeth Richardson, Cynthia A. Sharp, Frank M. Sheperd, William I. and Sheila M. Stewart, Robin Micheal Womer.

## Ulissi Joins BSC Staff

Behavior Service Consultants, located at 133 Centerway, is pleased to announce the addition to its staff of Stephen Mark Ulissi, Ph.D. Dr. Ulissi received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Mississippi and has done post-doctoral research at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Ulissi's areas of specialization include working with deaf and blind individuals and their families, assistance in coping with the psychological aspects of medical and physical disabilities, and working with parents who are in the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) process to insure the most appropriate placement and programming needs for their children.

## 11th Operation Santa For the Mentally Ill

"Operation Santa," the annual holiday project sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County will again provide Christmas gifts for over 450 Prince Georges residents hospitalized with emotional illness at Spring Grove Hospital Center in Catonsville, Prince Georges Hospital and those in foster care placements. In addition this year "operation Santa" will expand to the adolescent populations at Crowsville State Hospital and the Cheltenham Center. This is "Operation Santa's" 11th season of bringing joy and cheer to this often forgotten and lonely population. Donations of gift items, monetary contributions or volunteer time would be greatly appreciated.

It is requested that all donated gifts be left unwrapped and in unbreakable containers. All gifts and money donations should be delivered or sent to the Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County, Inc., 6607 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Md. 20737, no later than December 14. Anyone wishing further information or desiring to volunteer their assistance at the Christmas Party at Spring Grove Hospital Center on Wednesday, December 16, should call the Mental Health Association at 577-3140.

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## SLUMP IN READERSHIP WORRIES LIBRARIAN

by Rose-Anne Lenchek

Like the economy, book circulation at Greenbelt Library is in a slump. New Head Librarian Harriet Ying says her first priority since taking the job three months ago has been to speed up the rate at which patrons check out items. Her plans are complicated by the fact that the size of the reading public reflects shifts in the American economy. "People are taking two jobs instead of one and don't have time to read," she explains.

She also cites a decrease in the Prince Georges County population which contributes to fewer people using the library. According to the P. G. County Records office, the county population fell by over 3000 residents last year.

Undaunted by these factors beyond her control, Ying insists she'd like to boost circulation from the current 18,000 items per month up to 20,000. Ying, who grew up in Taiwan, was recently transferred from the New Carrollton library to take over the job of running the Greenbelt branch.

"We must justify our existence," she says. Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road is one branch of a county-funded system of libraries. Circulation figures are the yardstick to measure the value of a library and sluggish circulation results in a lopped off budget for the library in question. Although the county government has not altered the budget it allows the Greenbelt Library, inflation has translated 1981 funds into a decreased real amount of money. Ying fears that low public use of the library will cause critical eyebrows to be raised the next time politicians ration out public monies.

But Ying decries judging a library by its circulation rates. Heralding the old slogan of "a library is more than just books," Ying points out that a library "is more like an information center." The new librarian hopes that the many services the library offers will revive interest in using the library.

"You might have a need," she says. "You want to buy a new car? Your shrubs are dying? Half of our business is done over the phone. You don't have to come in."

A mere phone call can put a patron in touch with an extensive tape library on health services. Greenbelt is the only branch offering the call-in system and the library receives around 600 calls daily.

In addition to tracking down information for patrons by phone who do not want to venture out of doors, the library also attends to patrons who are unable to step outside. Library personnel will deliver books to individuals who are homebound or institutionalized due to an illness or a broken leg.

The ground floor of the library contains an array of facilities free to the public. Patrons can book a large meeting room or a smaller conference room for any public activity. These rooms are frequently the sites of community meetings and programs on topics ranging from theater workshops for children to investment workshops for adults.

A special Tugwell Room in the basement relates the history of Greenbelt through original blueprints, 50-year-old photographs, and mounds of literature.

Display cases on both levels are available to individuals or organizations that want free publicity.

The library especially caters to children in the form of a children's section equipped with filmstrips and a record player. Most of the library-sponsored programs that take place on the lower level are geared toward children.

Ying says all these additional services are the bait to lure patrons inside the building and up to the checkout counter. "I have the staff and I have the collection," she says. "I need the people."

### GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet in the board room on Thursday, November 19 at 8:15 p.m. after a meeting of the Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) Board of Directors. As GDC directors, the board will discuss the GDC 1982 budget and a proposed rent increase for the GDC apartments on Parkway Road. Items on the GHI agenda include the 1982 proposed budget; GHI brochure; procedures for loans from land reserve funds; illegal additions and resales.

The GHI board will consider an amended budget which provides for a greater increase in the larger homes budget for maintenance reserves. Under the amended plan, frame and masonry budgets are not affected, but the larger homes budget will change from a 9.74% to a 12.75% increase over the 1981 budget. As a result, the overall average increase for the GHI proposed 1982 budget is 7.23%.

The GHI Board of Directors and management recently submitted a proposal to Prince Georges County for Community Development Block Grant funds to establish a rehab loan deferral program (RLDP) at GHI. When approved, the program will provide GHI with \$400,000 to assist fixed- and low-income residents in maintaining their homes. RLDP is scheduled to assist 325 of the most eligible members in deferring increased monthly charges incurred through rehab (up to \$35 per month). This will be treated as a loan at 3% interest, to be paid back at the time of resale or earlier. The RLDP proposal has been forwarded to the County Council for their approval and GHI hopes to implement this program in 1982.

Under rehab, plumbing work will begin at 56 Ridge (A-K) on November 18 and 57 Ridge the week of November 23.

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Vocalists Alan Berger and Judy Marshall entranced audiences in Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center's first musical revue **Ticket to Broadway**. Versatile Ms. Marshall has starred in several of Utopia Theater's productions. Among them are **Owl and Pussycat**, **Night Watch** and the most recent musical revue, **As Time Goes By**.

On Nov. 21 Soprano Joan McFarland accompanied by pianist Colette Valentine and clarinetist Charles Stier will entertain with an array of songs which include the works of Ned Rorem, Irving Fine, Franz Schubert and Benjamin Britten. Joan will open her performance with Ned Rorem's "Women's Voices," a collection of poems set to music. Her next number is "Childhood Fables for Grownups" by Irving Fine. This is followed by Schubert's *Der Hirt auf dem Felsen* (Shepherd on the Rock). The finale will be folksong arrangements by Benjamin Britten which include "The Trees They Grow So High," "The Ash Grove," "The Minstrel Boy" and others.

Both performances will be held at the Utopia Theater at 8:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For information call 474-7763 or 345-4487.

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## OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST SURVEY TO BE GIVEN

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau will be offering the Kuder Occupational Interest Survey. It gives persons a specific idea of their occupational interests. The survey will be held on December 1 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in CARES' offices. To reserve a seat, as space is limited, or for more information, call Johnnie Franklin at 345-6660.

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A Residential Renovation Contest, sponsored by the Prince Georges Board of Realtors, will award over \$2000 in cash prizes to county homeowners who renovate or remodel the exterior of their residential property.

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Marine Lance Cpl. Roderick K. Johnson, son of Patricia A. Blackmon of Springhill Lake has departed on an extended Mediterranean deployment. A member of Headquarters and Service Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., his unit is embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan.

A speedy recovery to retired Lt. Marshall Zoellner who is in Leland Hospital.

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